

## **Karamanlica Homework: Please prepare before our first meeting!**

Hello! For non-Greek speakers, there are a few homework assignments you will need to do to prepare for our first class. For Greek-speakers, you may find the last part of the assignment will be helpful for working on your Turkish skills!

I've decided that it's best for you to first learn modern Greek phonetics and the modern Greek alphabet, and then once you have gotten the hang of it, when we do our first class, I will teach Karamanlica phonetics and some of the ways it differs from standard Greek.

***This may take a few hours of practice before you get the hang of it. Make sure to set aside some time before our first meeting to get some practice. It's best to do a little bit each day so you can repeat things and remember them.***

***We are not going to have a lot of time to go over the Greek alphabet during the class so it's up to you to practice as much as you can before class. We will do some review during our first session and then we will move on to Karamanlica.***

### **Handouts**

I have prepared *two* handouts. One is for Modern Greek phonetics and one is for Karamanlica. While you *may* want to look at the Karamanlica handout before class, try not to get yourself confused. Focus on the Modern Greek handout. You can consult the handout while you also do the following assignments

### **Greek Online Lessons Videos**

First, you should check out the "Greek Online Lessons" Youtube playlist.  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZtyw-q9JVeZvJRQEE8uOX9IWR4Cnm1EB>

We are not learning Greek in the class, so I have selected the videos that are relevant specifically for our needs in learning the alphabet and phonetics. *You should consult the handout as you watch the videos.* You should watch the videos in the following order. Feel free to re-watch each video as many times as you need.

- Video 1: Alphabet- Pronunciation
- Video 2: Alphabet- Handwriting *This video shows multiple different styles of handwriting for the various letters. Get a pen and paper and practice copying what you see*
- Video 3: Double consonants
- Videos 5 and 7: Double vowels (parts 1 and 2)

**Make sure to watch all of the videos listed above, in order. It's very important!**

## **Practice Reading and Listening (Video)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=klIhVqGnxZM>

Here's a video of a children's book. Watch it and practice reading and listening along, so you get some practice with the alphabet and the phonetics. It's a children's book. Don't worry about the meaning of the words (we're not learning Greek in this class), but just practice reading the letters and hearing the sounds. You may need to pause and go slowly. Try reading aloud and then listening if you got it right.

*Again, we are not learning Modern Greek right now so don't worry about the meanings of words. Just practice your reading skills! Try reading out the words and then listening if you got them right. Then try reading along with the audio.*

## **Yunanca Dersleri**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vMcHhxFVU>

Here's a really nice intro to the Greek alphabet in Turkish. The presenter is fluent in both languages, I believe, and has excellent pronunciation. For native Turkish speakers this might be a good intro and for those of you who are not fluent in Turkish it is good practice! Even for Greek speakers, it might be good to watch this for Turkish practice! (One of the best things, I think, for practicing listening is to listen to someone speaking in your target language on a subject you already know.)